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Subj: URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT

Ref: (a) NAS Pensacola Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)

1. Purpose. To identify requirements, delineate responsibilities, establish procedures, and issue policies for the management of urban forests for the NAS Pensacola Region.

2. Cancellation. NASPNCLAINST 11015.1A

3. Policy. The policy of the Commanding Officer, NAS Pensacola, is to regulate and control planting, removal, maintenance, and protection of urban trees and forests; to eliminate and guard against dangerous conditions which may result in injury to persons or damage to property; to promote and enhance the beauty of the installation; to protect trees from undesirable conditions; and to guard trees from the spread of disease or pests. The provisions of this instruction shall apply to all urban trees and forests presently occurring or hereinafter planted on the lands under the control of Commanding Officer, NAS Pensacola, including Corry Station and Saufley Field.

4. Definitions

a. Urban Forest - Individual trees, groups of trees, or stands of trees occurring within improved or semi-improved lands within the NAS Pensacola Region, exclusive of forests managed under the Forestry Management Plan as described in reference (a).

b. Tree - A living, woody, self-supporting plant capable of growing to at least 10 feet or more in height, and having or capable of having a central stem or cluster of stems measuring at least 4 inches in diameter at diameter breast height (DBH) measured at 4.5 feet above grade.

c. Maintenance - Includes all operations occurring in the vicinity of urban forests, including, but not limited to, facilities construction and maintenance, grounds maintenance, tree management, and vegetation clearing.

d. Natural Resources Manager (NRM) - Responsible for the Natural Resources Management Program, of which urban forestry is an integral part.

e. Cooperating Agencies - State, federal, and private agencies, including the Florida Division of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the National Arbor Day Foundation, and the American Forest Association.

5. Discussion. To accomplish the policy of this instruction, personnel must be knowledgeable of the principles and practices of urban forestry. The urban

forests of NAS Pensacola cannot be managed independent of concerns from other base functions. This necessitates central management of resources to produce results consistent with the policy of this instruction.

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6. Action. All activities within the NAS Pensacola Region will ensure coordination of urban forest management through the implementation of the following:

a. The Natural Resources Manager, under the overall direction of the Commanding Officer, NAS Pensacola, shall review all planned maintenance as to its effects upon the urban forest. Additional duties entail oversight and management of inventories, plantings, watering, removals, pruning, fertilization, and protection practices. Construction and facility managers shall coordinate with the NRM concerning replacement of trees removed for any reason except due to natural causes.

b. The Facilities Management Officer (FMO) shall coordinate installation planning, construction, and maintenance with the NRM to ensure a positive effect upon the installation urban forest. Additionally, the FMO shall incorporate funding for urban forestry into budget planning and assist the NRM in carrying out an annual urban forestry plan of work. The FMO shall ensure that tree planting and cultural practices such as watering, fertilizing, and tree protection are conducted as normal operating procedures within the installation Grounds Maintenance Program.

c. The Urban Forest Management Program shall conform to technical and professional recommendations as provided by Naval Facilities Engineering Command or cooperating agencies.

d. To observe annual awareness of urban forestry, the first week of December is hereby proclaimed Navy Tree Awareness Week, and the NAS Pensacola Region will annually conduct a tree planting observance celebration.

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